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In accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure, the following information is submitted for consideration by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-captioned application. The information is identified on the attached PTO/SB/08A form.

In accordance with the rules of practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, Applicants are only providing photocopies of non-US patent and literature documents. In addition, Applicants wish to draw the Examiner's attention to the office action mailed March 10, 2006 in related application serial no. 10/646.472 (being examined by a different Examiner), which is electronically available to the Examiner via the PALM system and as such a copy is not being submitted herewith. If a copy is needed, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

The undersigned certifies under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e/Q) that no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months rivor to the filting of the information disclosure statement.

Applicants do not waive any right to take appropriate action to establish patentability over the listed documents should they be applied as references against the claims of the present application. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner fully consider each of the documents, initial the attached PTO/SB/08A form in the appropriate place to indicate that the document has been considered, and return a copy of the initialed form to the undersigned in accordance with MPEP Section 609.

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Respectfully submitted,

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